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SUBJECT: RESIGNATION OF AMERICAN COMMUNITY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT

DR. FLOYD TRAVIS

1. ON JULY 10 EMBASSY AND ACS BOARD INFORMED BY ACS/ADDIS SUPER-INTENDENT, FR. FLOYD TRAVIS, THAT HE, TRAVIS, INTENDS RESIGN EFFECTIVE 15 AUGUST. ACS BOARD MET SAME NIGHT, ACCEPTED TRAVIS' RESIGNATION AND VOTED NEGOTIATE OFFER SUPERINTENDENT JOB TO DR. LEONARD WOOD, ACS PRINCIPAL.

2. TRAVIS RESIGNED A) TO ACCEPT POSITION WITH AMERICAN COMMUNITY SCHOOL, MUNICH, GERMANY, AND B) FOR PERSONAL REASONS ACCEPTED BY ACS BOARD. HOWEVER, A/OS CAN WELL IMAGINE DIFFICULT POSITION THIS PUTS ACS/ADDIS IN AT THIS TIME YEAR.

3. ACS/ADDIS MOVING QUICKLY ON ALTERNATIVES TO ASSURE ADEQUATE ACHOOOL ADMINISTRATION AND DOES NOT WISH TO OPPOSE DR. TRAVIS' DEPARTURE. HOWEVER, EMBASSY WISHES CALL THIS LATE-IN-YEAR BODY-SNATCHING TO A/OS ATTENTION AND CALL ON A/OS TO DEVELOP POSITIVE WORKING RELATIONS WITH, AND AMONG, ACS'S TO DISCOURAGE SUCH IMPOSSIBLY LATE STAFF TRANSFERS BETWEEN ACS'S.

4. ONE SUGGESTION IS OFFERED. WHILE WE RECOGNIZE THE IMPOSSIBILITY AND UNDERSIRABILITY OF CREATING AN OFFICIAL ACS CAREER SERVICE, WE BELIEVE INFORMAL UNDERSTANDINGS ABOUT CONTINUITY OF ACS EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES AROUND THE WORLD COULD HELP DISUADE UNTIMELY STAFF TRANSFERS BY TOP ADMINISTRATORS.

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